

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 8, 12, 17, and 24.

Please enter the pending claims, including claims 1-27 as follows:

48 1. (Currently Amended) A method for caching multimedia content to an  
49 ~~occasionally connected device~~, comprising:  
50 creating a play list based at least in part on a user's preferences;  
51 connecting a device of the user to a network;  
52 submitting the play list to a multimedia content provider through [[a]] ~~the~~  
53 network;  
54 ~~downloading gathering~~ multimedia content specified in the play list;  
55 downloading the multimedia content to a multimedia content cache in  
56 [[a]] ~~the device when the device is connected to the multimedia content provider~~  
57 ~~and caching the multimedia content on the device;~~  
58 disconnecting the device from the network; and  
59 playing the cached multimedia content on the device while the device is  
60 ~~not connected to the multimedia content provider.~~  
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2        creating an initial play list based on at least one of the following: the user's  
3    specifications, a play list pre-defined by the user, and a play list pre-determined  
4    by the multimedia content provider;  
5        expanding the initial play list by recommending to the user additional  
6    content based on the user's preferences; and  
7        refining the expanded initial play list based on the user's feedback.  
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1    3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein expanding the initial play list  
2    comprises cross-pollinating the initial play list using play lists of other users.

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1    4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the device comprises a portable  
2    device.

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1    5. (Original) The method for claim 1, wherein playing the multimedia content  
2    comprises accessing the multimedia content and rendering the multimedia  
3    content to the user.

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1    6. (Original) The method for claim 5, wherein accessing the multimedia content  
2    comprises at least one of the following: unpacking, decrypting, decompressing,  
3    and decoding the multimedia content.

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1    7. (Original) The method for claim 1, wherein the network comprises at least  
2    one of the following: a local area network, a wide area network, the Internet, a  
3    terrestrial broadcast network, and a wireless network.

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1    8. (Currently Amended) A method for distributing multimedia files,  
2    comprising:

3        connecting occasionally to a device through the Internet;  
4        accepting a play list of multimedia files from a user of the device;  
5        searching a database for multimedia content according to the play list;  
6        processing the multimedia content before the multimedia content is  
7        downloaded; and  
8                transferring the multimedia content to ~~an occasionally connected the~~  
9        device.

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1        9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the occasionally-connected device  
2        comprises a portable device.

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1        10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein processing the multimedia files  
2        comprises at least one of the following: packaging, encrypting, compressing, and  
3        encoding the multimedia files.

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1        11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the database comprises at least  
2        one of static and dynamic multimedia content.

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1        12. (Currently Amended) A system ~~for caching multimedia contents to an~~  
2        ~~occasionally connected device~~, comprising:

3                a play list creator capable of creating a play list of multimedia files;  
4                a multimedia content provider capable of providing multimedia files  
5        specified by the play list for a user to download;  
6                a multimedia content cache capable of receiving the multimedia files  
7        through a network while occasionally connected and storing the multimedia  
8        files; and

9           a multimedia content player capable of accessing and rendering the  
10       multimedia contents to the user.

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1     13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the play list creator comprises:  
2           a play list generating mechanism capable of generating a play list;  
3           a pre-determining mechanism capable of at least one of the following:  
4     receiving parameters specifying the user's preferences, loading a user pre-  
5     defined play list, and providing a number of play lists pre-determined by the  
6     multimedia content provider;  
7           a recommendation mechanism capable of expanding the play list by  
8     recommending additional multimedia files; and  
9           a user feedback uploading mechanism capable of uploading the user  
10    feedback to refine the play list.

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1     14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the multimedia content provider  
2     comprises:  
3           a communication port;  
4           a multimedia content database;  
5           a searching mechanism capable of searching the multimedia content  
6     database for multimedia files in the play list; and  
7           a content processing mechanism capable of at least one of the following:  
8     packaging, encrypting, compressing, and encoding the multimedia files.

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1     15. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the multimedia content cache  
2     comprises:  
3           a communication port;

4           a receiving component capable of downloading and receiving the  
5   multimedia files from the multimedia content provider through a network; and  
6           a storage component capable of storing the multimedia files.

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1   16. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the multimedia content player  
2   comprises:

3           a multimedia content access module capable of at least one of the  
4   following: unpacking, decrypting, decompressing, and decoding the multimedia  
5   files stored in the multimedia content cache; and  
6           a multimedia content rendering mechanism capable of rendering the  
7   multimedia files to a user.

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1   17. (Currently Amended) An article comprising: a machine accessible medium  
2   having content stored thereon, wherein when the content is accessed by a  
3   processor, the content provides for caching multimedia content to ~~an~~  
4   occasionally connected a device by:

5           creating a play list based ~~at least in part on a user's preferences~~ of a user of  
6   the device;

7           submitting the play list to a multimedia content provider through a  
8   network while the device is occasionally connected;

9           downloading multimedia content in the play list to a device when the  
10   device is connected to the multimedia content provider and caching the  
11   multimedia content on the device; and

12          playing the cached multimedia content while the device is not connected  
13   to the multimedia content provider.

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1    18. (Original) The article of claim 17, wherein the content for creating a play list  
2    comprises content for:

3                 creating an initial play list based on at least one of the following: the user's  
4    specifications, a play list pre-defined by the user, and a play list pre-determined  
5    by the multimedia content provider;

6                 expanding the initial play list by recommending to the user additional  
7    content based on the user's preferences; and

8                 refining the expanded initial play list based on the user's feedback.

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1    19. (Original) The article of claim 18, wherein the content for expanding the  
2    initial play list comprises cross-pollinating the initial play list using play lists of  
3    other users.

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1    20. (Original) The article of claim 17, wherein the device comprises a portable  
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1    21. (Original) The article for claim 17, wherein the content for playing the  
2    multimedia content comprises content for accessing the multimedia content and  
3    content for rendering the multimedia content to the user.

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1    22. (Original) The article for claim 21, wherein the content for accessing the  
2    multimedia content comprises content for at least one of the following:  
3    unpacking, decrypting, decompressing, and decoding the multimedia content.

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1    23. (Original) The article for claim 17, wherein the network comprises at least  
2    one of the following: a local area network, a wide area network, the Internet, a  
3    terrestrial broadcast network, and a wireless network.

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1 24. (Currently Amended) An article comprising: a machine accessible medium  
2 having content stored thereon, wherein when the content is accessed by a  
3 processor, the content provides for distributing multimedia files by:

4 accepting a play list of multimedia files;  
5 searching a database for multimedia content according to the play list;  
6 processing the multimedia content before the multimedia content is  
7 downloaded; and  
8 transferring the multimedia content to an occasionally-connected device

9 while connected.

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1 25. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the occasionally-connected device  
2 comprises a portable device.

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1 26. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the content for processing the  
2 multimedia files comprises content for at least one of the following: packaging,  
3 encrypting, compressing, and encoding the multimedia files.

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27. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the database comprises at least one  
of static and dynamic multimedia content.